# FISCAL NOTE

# HB 819 - SB 1239

February 23, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:**     Requires a death certificate to be filed with the Office of Vital Records for any induced termination of pregnancy.  All personal information on the death certificate is confidential and limited to research.

## ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

> **Increase State Expenditures - $14,600/One-Time**
> **$58,200/Recurring**

> **Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

* According to the Department of Health, there are 20,000 induced terminations of pregnancy (ITOP) each year.
* The Office of Vital Records would hire an information assistant to register the additional death events.  This position will increase recurring state expenditures by $58,246, including salary ($29,064), benefits ($9,882), administrative support services ($7,900), communications and networking ($1,400), office lease ($4,100), travel ($5,000) and supplies and postage ($900).  There will be a one-time increase in expenditures of $4,300 for office set-up and a computer.
* There will be additional one-time expenditures of $10,300 for travel ($5,000), printing ($3,000), and postage ($2,300) to train state and county health department personnel, funeral directors, physicians, and hospitals of the changes to the death certificate form.
* The associated data collection system will be revised to accept the changes to the death certificate form resulting in a not significant increase in expenditures.
* Should database changes not be devised to extract the ITOP records prior to the submittal of reported death statistical data to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), there could be a loss of federal funds in the amount of $370,000.
* Local health departments will not incur a significant increase in expenditures due to the increase in death certificate filings.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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